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KKOTTONGNAE: "Flower Village" in English is a community of love and salvation for the neediest.

Even if you have only some strength to beg for food, it is a gift of God's grace.

Homepage:

www.kkot.or.kr

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www.kkottv.com

Choi, Gui-Dong Peter

He was born as a son of a rich family in Eumseong-Gun, Chungbuk, Korea in 1909. During the Japanese occupation, he was a conscript and forced to work in Bukhaedo Mine as a laborer, and became mentally ill due to the harsh conditions and torture.

He became homeless after returning home. Since then he had taken care of the poor in worse situations by distributing the food that he had collected from his begging to them for about 40 years.

On Sept 12, 1976, Fr. Oh, Woong-jin had a providential encounter with Gui-Dong and witnessed his life. He realized "Even if you have only the strength to beg for food, it is the blessing of the Lord.", and started Kkottongnae for helpless poor people who even have no strength to ask for food.

To Kkottongnae members

- Membership number is on your membership card.
- Please add your membership number to your check when you send your membership fee.
- If you send your membership card together, we'll stamp a receipt on it and return it to you.
- You can receive an IRS tax deduction.

Join Kkottongnae Membership

1. Anyone can join the membership.
2. Membership fee is a minimum of \$1 every month.
3. Please send your membership application form together with the first month's membership fee.
 - **By mail:** Application + 1st Month fee
 - **Other methods:** Text or email your application and then send your membership fee by **Zelle**
 - You can call us or visit Kkottongnae to apply
4. Please refer a new member to Kkottongnae. Thank you.

Eligibility for the Elderly Admission

- Priority is given to elders who have no one to depend on and who do not have the strength to even beg for food.
- Elders that have no family members or relatives, or the ones who have no place to live

- We give the priority to the ones in the most difficult situation among the applications in difficult situations. (Please contact us if there is anyone in that category around you)

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2023 August Retreat for Family Sanctification Announcement

Join us on 8/26 (Sat) 9am to 8/27 (Sun) 5pm at the Catholic Center, Palisades Park, New Jersey. The theme is "Family Sanctification Through Sacrifice and Love" ("By His wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5), led by Father James and Brother James Kim Taehyung. It's a spiritual journey for personal and communal sanctification. All are welcome.



For registration, please call (201-230-5643 or 201-956-0299).

80th Birthday Celebration and Members' Thanksgiving Mass with Kkottongnae Founder (2023/6/10)

Celebrating the 80th birthday of Kkottongnae founder, Father John Oh Woongjin, a special Thanksgiving Mass was held in New Jersey. Attended by over 200 members, Father John delivered an inspiring homily, guiding us in living a life of faith and spirituality amidst modern challenges. This event was a memorable and spiritually enriching experience for our



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Special Play Honoring Grandfather Choi Gwidong at Kkottongnae Event

At the 80th birthday celebration of Kkottongnae's founder, a special play depicted the life of Grandfather Choi Gwidong. It highlighted his selfless love and the founder's spirituality of poverty, offering a moving tribute to his dedicated life.



Sign Language Performance

At the event, the 3rd order members presented a sign language performance of 'I Am Happy' by 'Bae Younghee Elizabeth', a person who lived the Kkottongnae spirituality with her physical disability. This performance, embodying her spirit, provided inspiration and enlightenment to everyone present.



Testimonial Presentation

In the presence of the founder Father, the 3rd order community shared a profound experience. They listened to the testimony of member Lee Hansik



Michael, who spoke about living the founder's spirituality through his life.

This presentation deeply moved everyone and inspired a renewed commitment to their spiritual journey.

Blessing Mass and Boundary Walk at Hackettstown New Site (2023/6/7)

A Blessing Mass led by the founder Father marked the beginning of a senior care facility's construction in Hackettstown. Key figures, volunteers, 3rd order members, and benefactors joined in prayers of gratitude and a symbolic boundary walk at the new site.



2023 Mid-Year Finance Committee Meeting

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Ordination and First Mass of Father Lee



Joohyun Daegeon Andrea

Father Lee Joohyun Daegeon Andrea, a proud figure of the

Kkottongnae 3rd order community and a glorious presence in the Korean-American Catholic Church, was ordained on May 27th. The Korean community gathered at Madonna Church to celebrate his first Mass together.

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Celebration and New Family Welcome Party

On the occasion of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, key pillars of the Church, a celebratory event was held. This included honoring the dedication of Brothers Paul Yang and Paul Kim, who consistently work for the maintenance of the Hackettstown site and Orange Kkottongnae.



Additionally, the event joyfully welcomed new members to the Kkottongnae family.

New Jersey Kkottongnae's Food Donation to Catholic Charities

New Jersey Kkottongnae donated food to 'Catholic Charities', a respected organization in the Newark Archdiocese that supports soup kitchens and helps the needy in New Jersey.



Resumed Meal services in Orange Town and Newark station

The weekly meal service in Orange Town, ongoing since 2010, continues to support the homeless and day laborers. In Newark, the meal service at Penn Station, paused due to permit issues, has joyfully resumed, bringing comfort and support to the homeless and needy immigrant families.



Orange Town Mayor Visits Kkottongnae for "National Night Out"

Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., and the police chief visited Kkottongnae during "National Night Out". They toured, prayed, and took interest in the grave of Grandfather Peter, a former homeless resident, at the prayer house.



27th Northeast Holy Spirit Conference Supports Haiti Kkottongnae



The 27th Holy Spirit Conference, led by Father Kim Jungkyung Silvano, included a second fundraiser for Haiti Kkottongnae, raising USD 17,991. Sr. Nam Saebom Matthias shared her

experiences of living the spirituality of Kkottongnae. Heartfelt thanks to all contributors.

NJ Kkottongnae Mourns Benefactors Maria Hwang and Maria Kim Hyung-ja

Maria Hwang, mother of Deacon Augustine Hwang and long-time benefactor, and Maria Kim Hyung-ja, an early member and supporter, have passed away. Kkottongnae's priests and religious attended their viewings and funeral services, praying for their eternal peace.



US Jesus' Kkottongnae 3rd order Meeting (Northeast Division)

During the special Thanksgiving Mass by founder Father Oh Woongjin on June 10th, five new members were inducted into the 3rd order, responding to the call of Kkottongnae's religious spirituality. The event included various performances like plays, music, and sign language to spread the spirituality of Kkottongnae. In July, the community also held a gathering in the shade of the lawn at the Gillette retreat house.

Members of the 3rd order practice the boundless love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, dedicating themselves to the salvation of the helpless and the sinful, true to the founding charism of Kkottongnae's religious orders. They live the Gospel daily through prayer, acts of love, humble sacrifice, and service in their families and communities, glorifying God.

Those interested in the 3rd order Association are encouraged to visit the nearest Kkottongnae branch or contact (NJ- 201-230-5643).

